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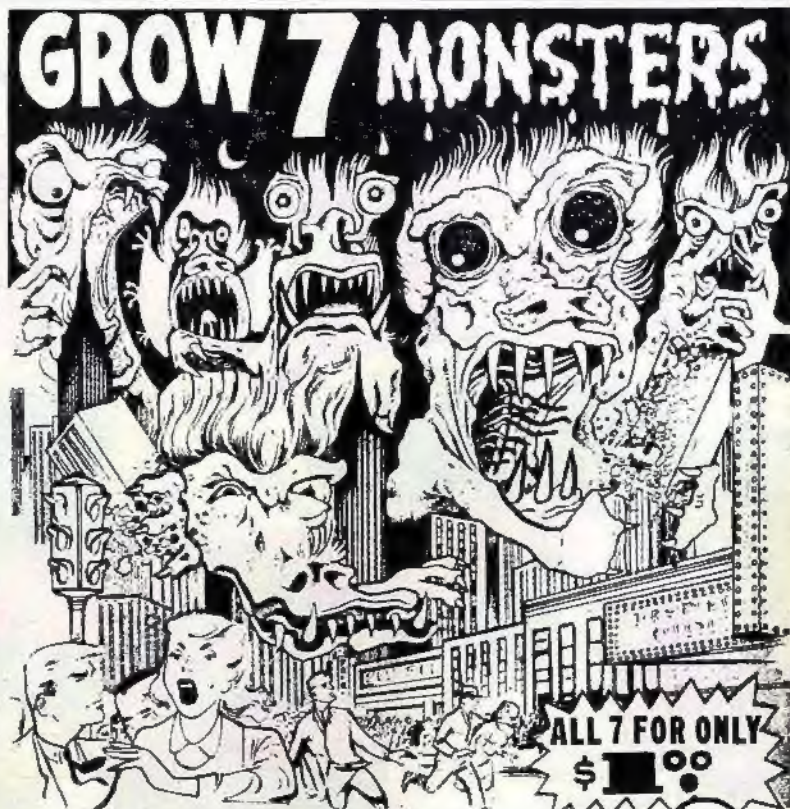


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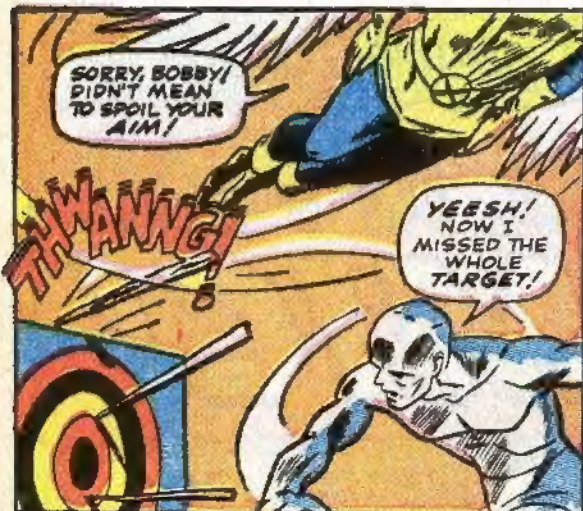


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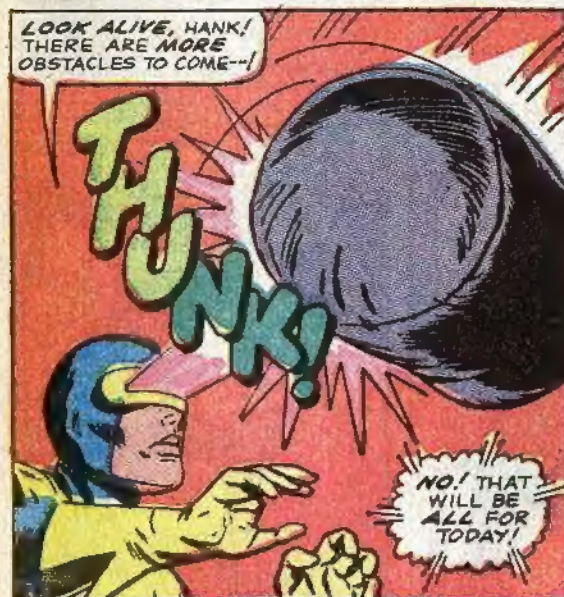
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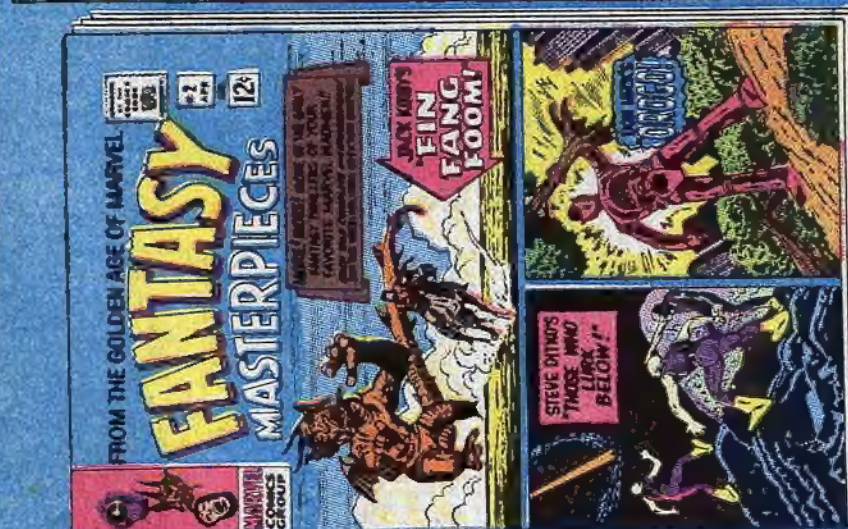




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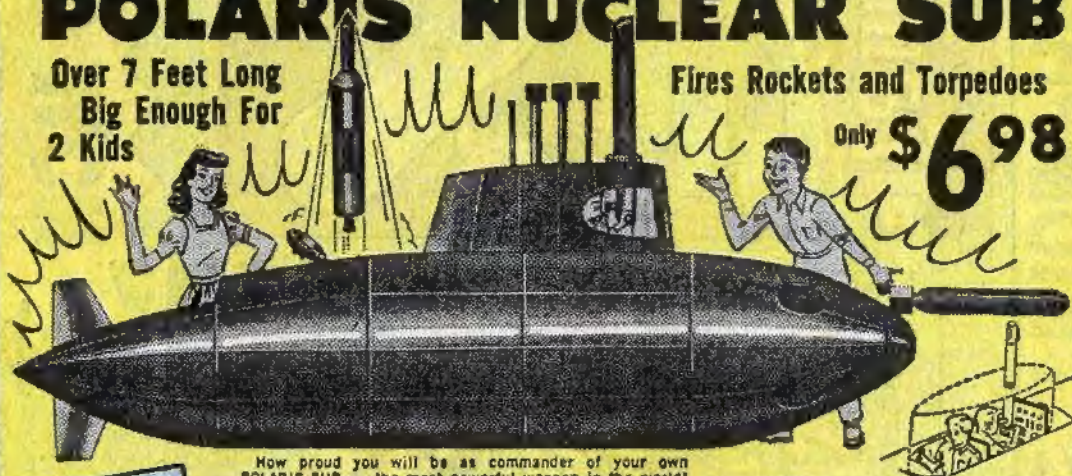
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IS HE A BOY FRIEND OF YOURS, VERA?

NO! BUT HE'S BEEN WANTING TO BE! AND--HE'S SO HOT-TEMPERED!

SO, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR A DATE WITH ME TODAY--BUT HERE YOU ARE ARM-IN-ARM WITH THAT CREEP!

BOY! IS MR. RANKIN HEADIN' FOR A FAT LIP!

IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO ME--!

I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO YOU FOR ANYTHING, CALVIN!

JUST BECAUSE I'VE HELPED YOU LOCATE THE BOOKS YOU WANTED ON MINE ENGINEERING, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN TELL ME WHOM TO DATE!

OH NO??

ALL RIGHT, SON! WE ARE NO LONGER AMUSED!

NOBODY ASKED YOU TO BUTT IN! I'LL KNOCK YOU CLEAR BACK TO SQUARESVILLE!

HEY! I NEVER SAW ANYONE DODGE SO FAST BEFORE!

BUT THEN, AS HANK MCCOY SWINGS EASILY, NOT WANTING TO TAKE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF HIS ENRAGED FOE, HE IS ASTONISHED TO SEE--

HE SIDE-STEPPED MY BLOW AS EFFORTLESSLY AS I HAD OUT-MANEUVURED HIM!

BUT NOBODY IS AS AGILE AS THE BEAST!

NOBODY NORMAL, THAT IS!

HAH! MISSED ME BY A MILE!

CALVIN! HANK! STOP IT! THERE'S NO NEED FOR A COMMON STREET BRAWL!

IT CAN'T BE! HE'S LEAPING AROUND LIKE-- THE BEAST!

NOW THAT I KICKED MY SHOES OFF, I'LL REALLY GO TO TOWN!

IT'S INCREDIBLE! HE ACTUALLY POSSESSES MY POWERS!

BUT, I DON'T DARE USE THEM MYSELF--IT WOULD MEAN REVEALING MY X-MAN IDENTITY TO THE GIRLS!

AND THEN, THE CROWNING HUMILIATION--!

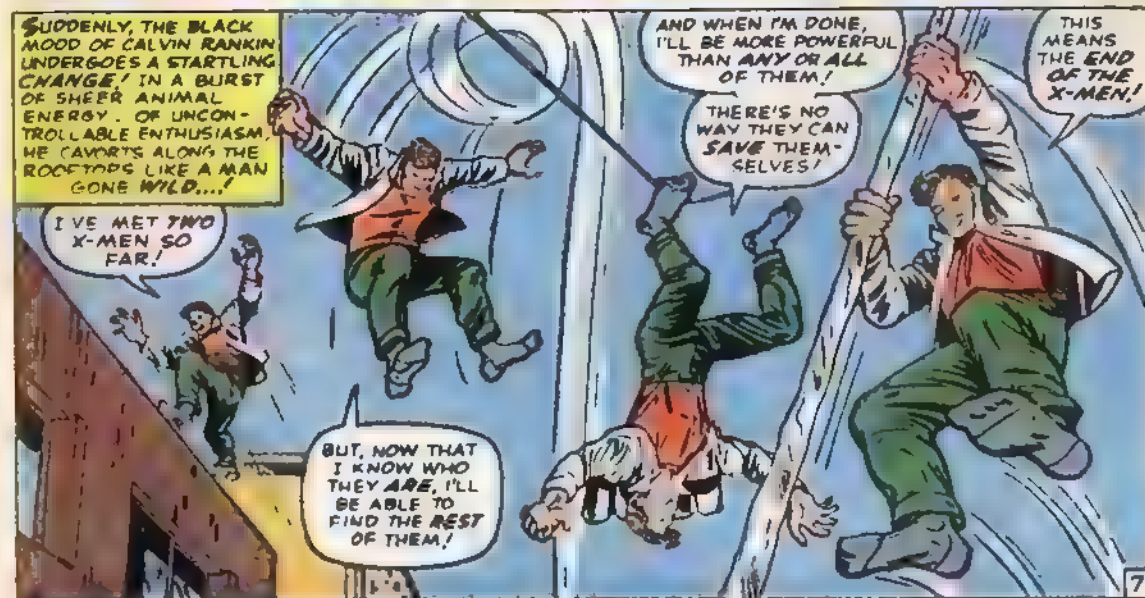
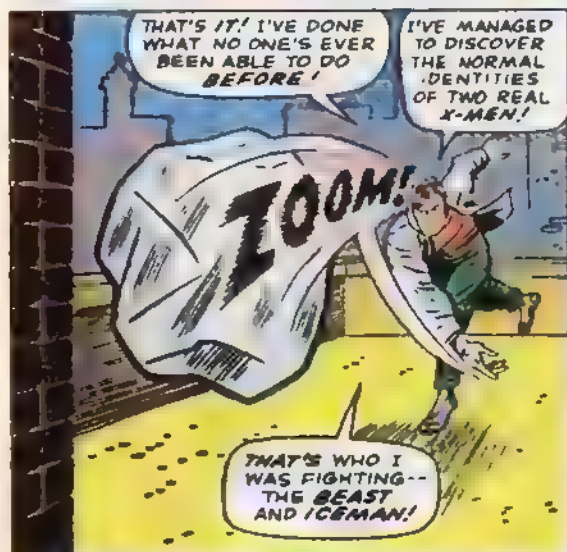
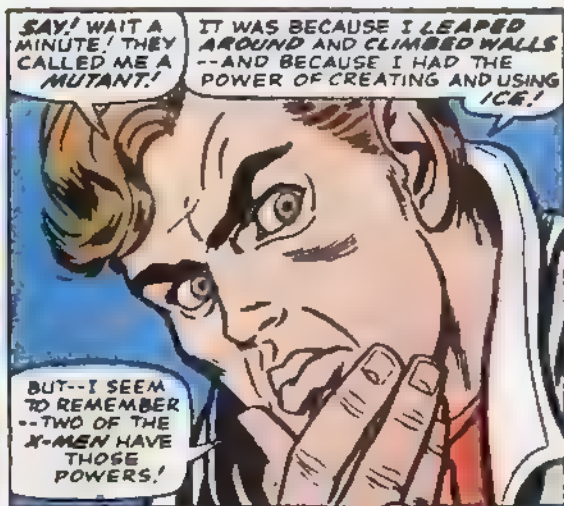
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SWEET DREAMS, STUPID!









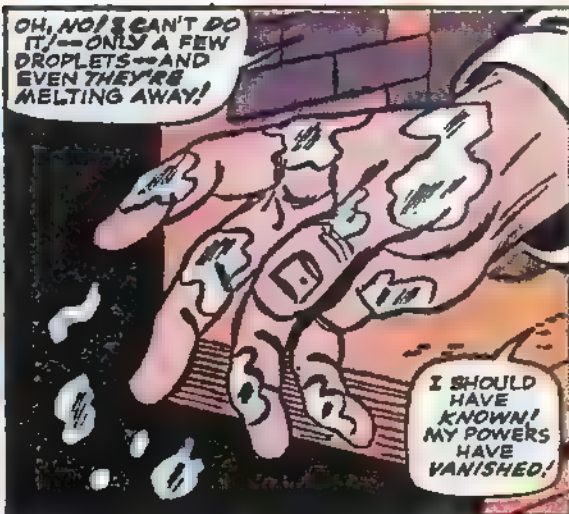




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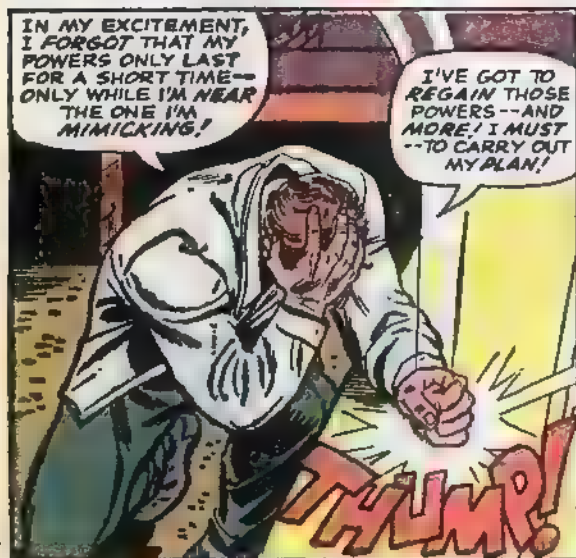
WHEW!--  
I'M BUSHED!  
THAT WAS  
SOME  
WORKOUT! BUT,  
I GOT MYSELF  
ALL OVER-  
HEATED!

I'LL WHIP UP SOME  
ICE TO COOL OFF  
WITH!



OH, NO! I CAN'T DO  
IT!-- ONLY A FEW  
DROPLETS--AND  
EVEN THEY'RE  
MELTING AWAY!

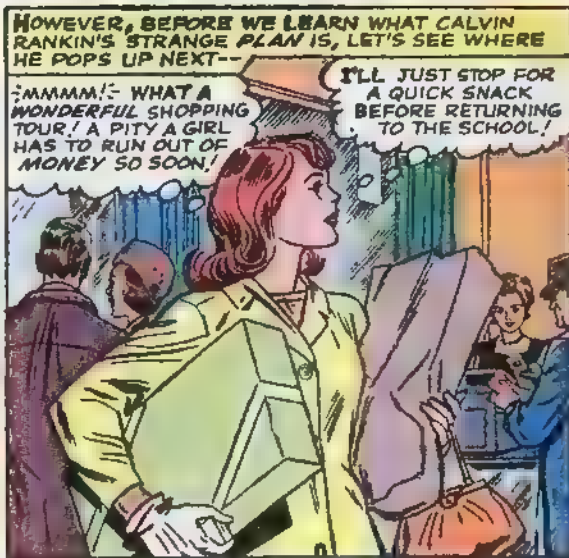
I SHOULD  
HAVE  
KNOWN!  
MY POWERS  
HAVE  
VANISHED!



IN MY EXCITEMENT,  
I FORGOT THAT MY  
POWERS ONLY LAST  
FOR A SHORT TIME--  
ONLY WHILE I'M NEAR  
THE ONE I'M  
MIMICKING!

I'VE GOT TO  
REGAIN THOSE  
POWERS--AND  
MORE! I MUST  
--TO CARRY OUT  
MY PLAN!

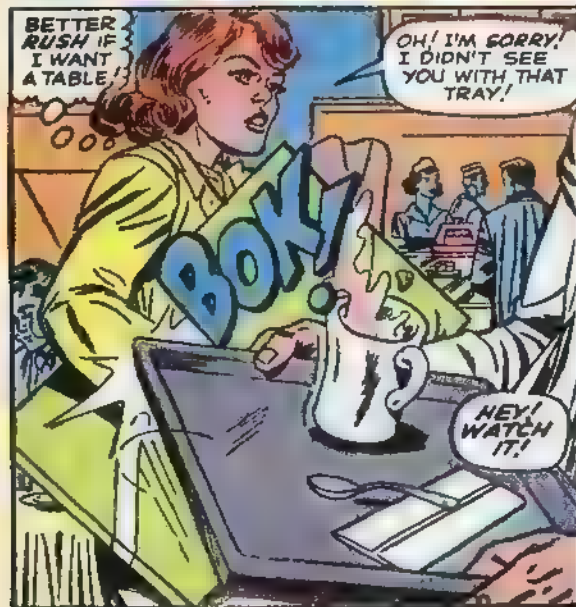
THUMP!



HOWEVER, BEFORE WE LEARN WHAT CALVIN  
RANKIN'S STRANGE PLAN IS, LET'S SEE WHERE  
HE POPS UP NEXT--

MMMM!-- WHAT A  
WONDERFUL SHOPPING  
TOUR! A PITY A GIRL  
HAS TO RUN OUT OF  
MONEY SO SOON!

I'LL JUST STOP FOR  
A QUICK SNACK  
BEFORE RETURNING  
TO THE SCHOOL!



BETTER  
RUSH IF  
I WANT  
A TABLE!

OH! I'M SORRY!  
I DIDN'T SEE  
YOU WITH THAT  
TRAY!

HEY!  
WATCH  
IT!



NEXT TIME LOOK WHERE  
YOU'RE GOING! IF YOU  
WEREN'T A GIRL, I'D  
PASTE YA  
ONE!

AND IF I WEREN'T A  
LADY, I'D TELL YOU  
WHAT I THINK OF  
YOUR MANNERS!

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A  
NASTY-TEMPERED  
SPECIMEN!

IF I WEREN'T AFRAID OF  
REVEALING MY IDENTITY,  
I'D TELEKINETICALLY TOSS  
HIM INTO A POT OF STEW!

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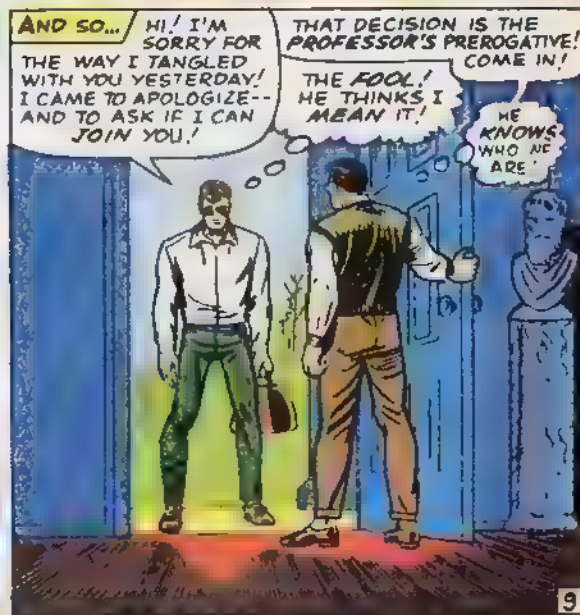
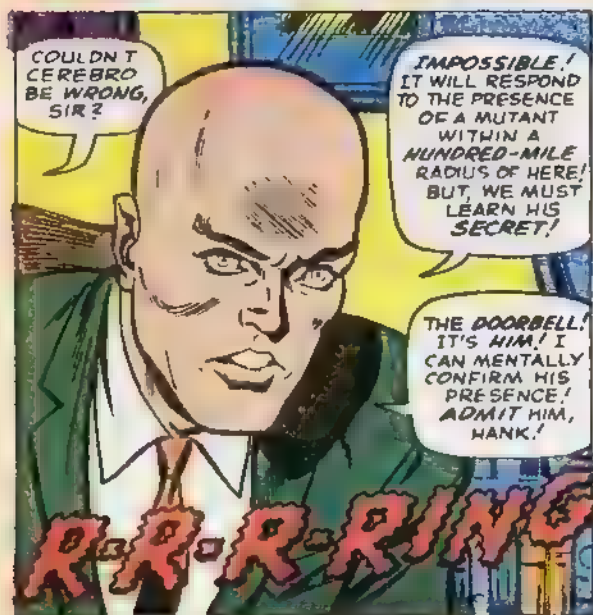
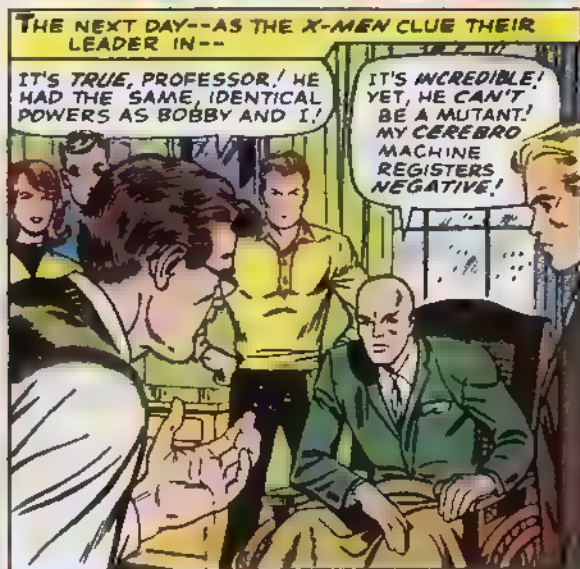
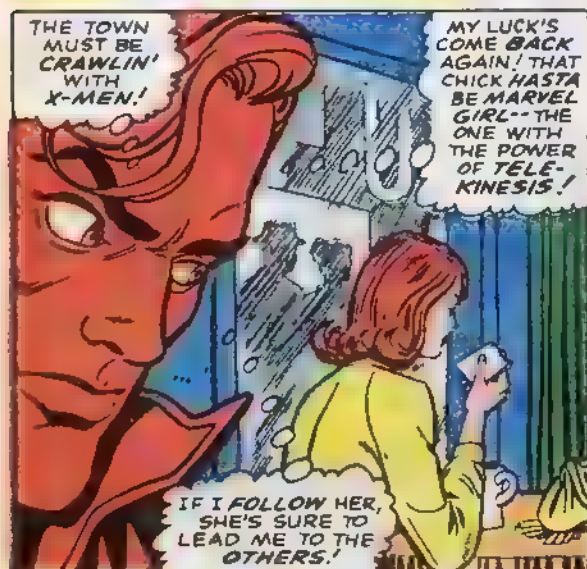
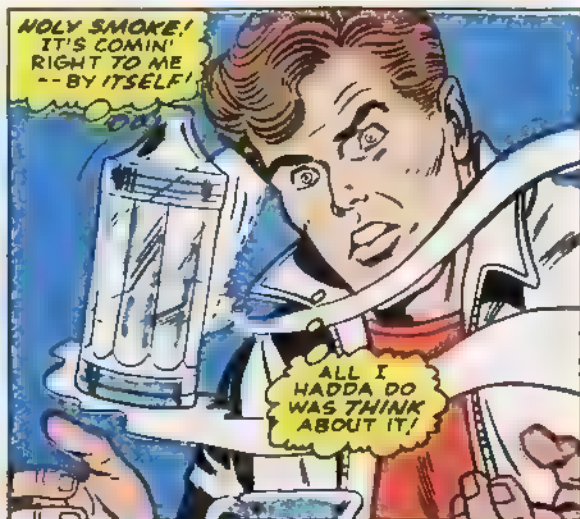
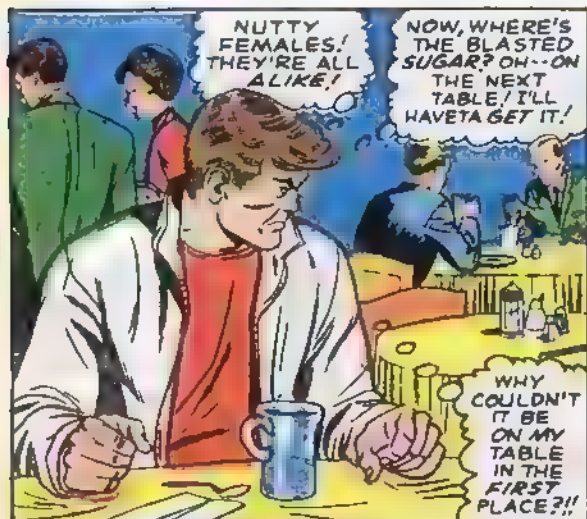
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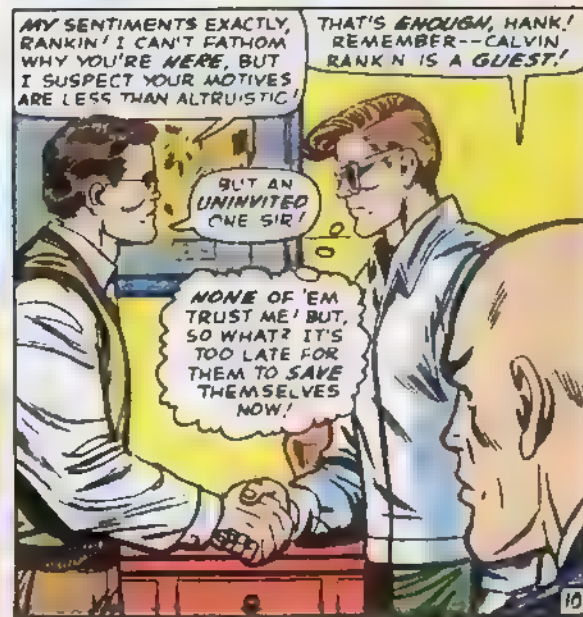
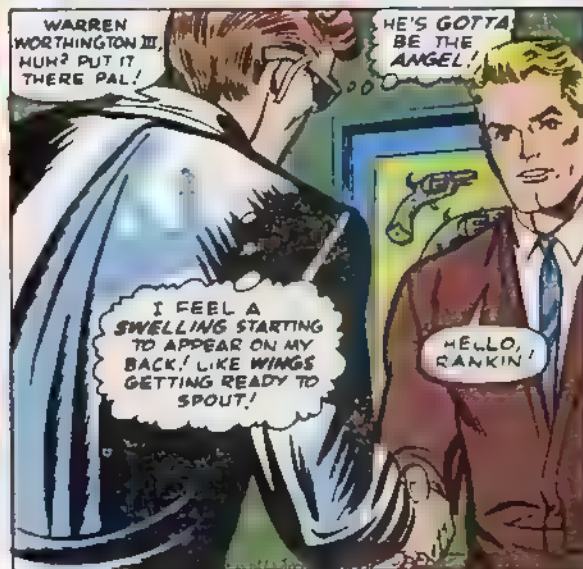
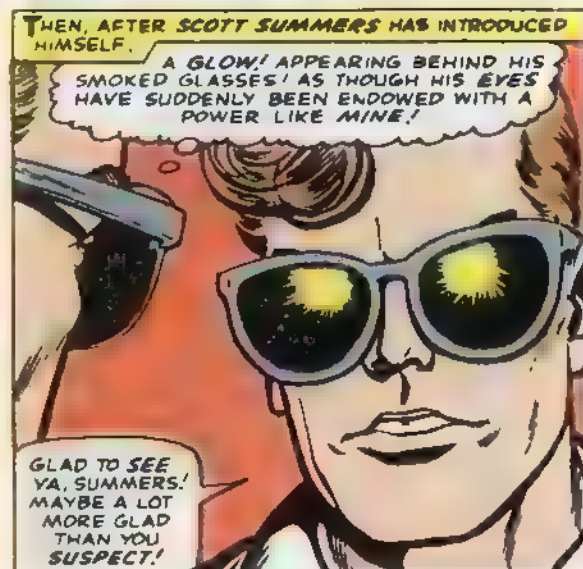
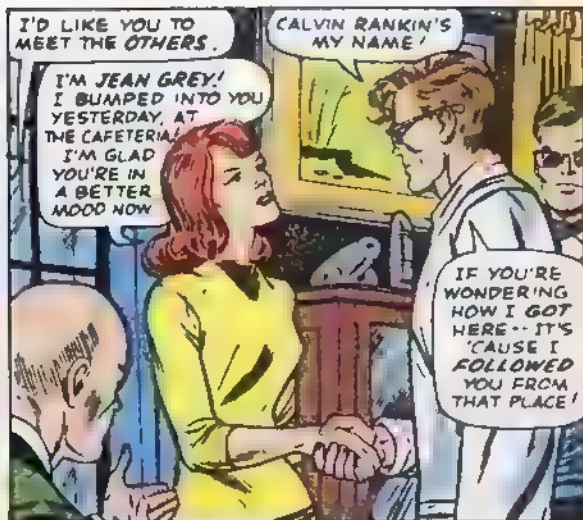
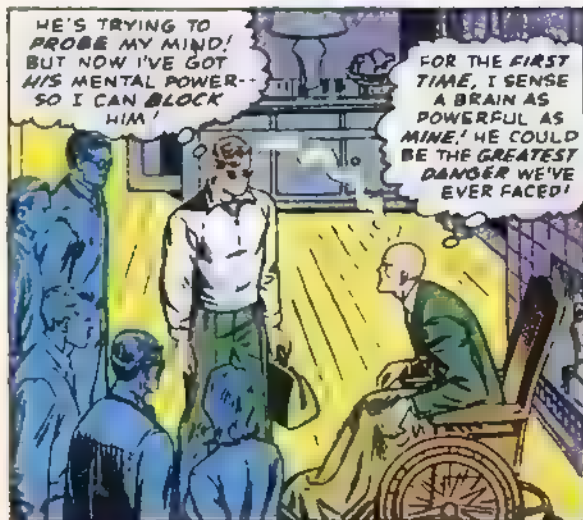
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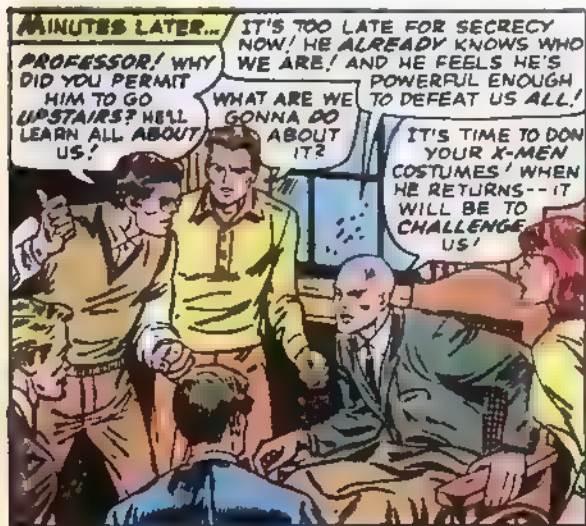












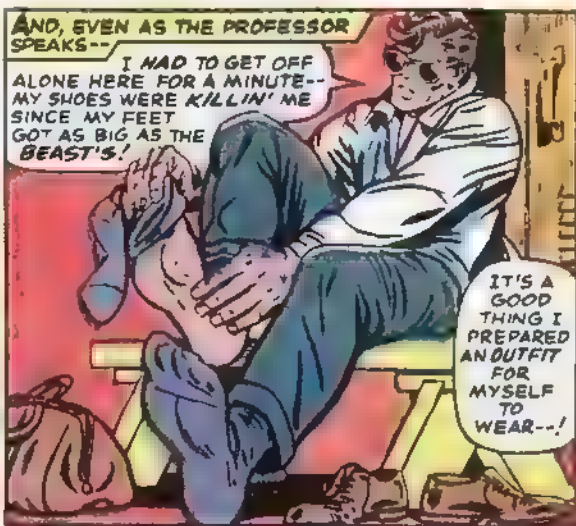
MINUTES LATER...

PROFESSOR! WHY DID YOU PERMIT HIM TO GO UPSTAIRS? HE'LL LEARN ALL ABOUT US!

IT'S TOO LATE FOR SECRECY NOW! HE ALREADY KNOWS WHO WE ARE! AND HE FEELS HE'S POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DEFEAT US ALL!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO ABOUT IT?

IT'S TIME TO DON YOUR X-MEN COSTUMES! WHEN HE RETURNS-- IT WILL BE TO CHALLENGE US!



AND, EVEN AS THE PROFESSOR SPEAKS--

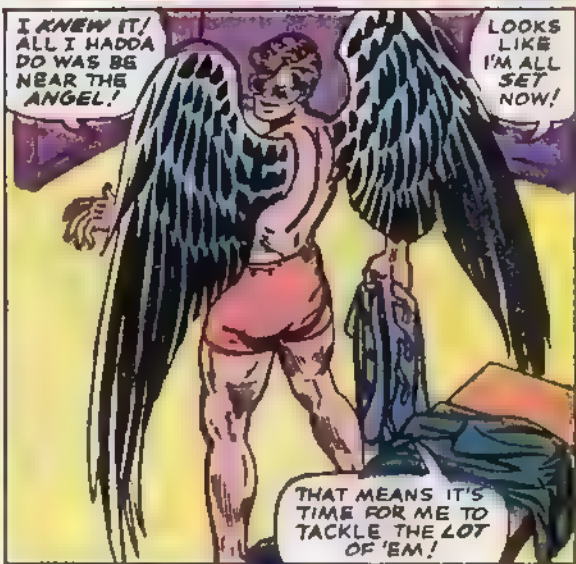
I HAD TO GET OFF ALONE HERE FOR A MINUTE-- MY SHOES WERE KILLIN' ME SINCE MY FEET GOT AS BIG AS THE BEAST'S!

IT'S A GOOD THING I PREPARED AN OUTFIT FOR MYSELF TO WEAR--!



IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO GET THIS TIGHT BINDER OFF--

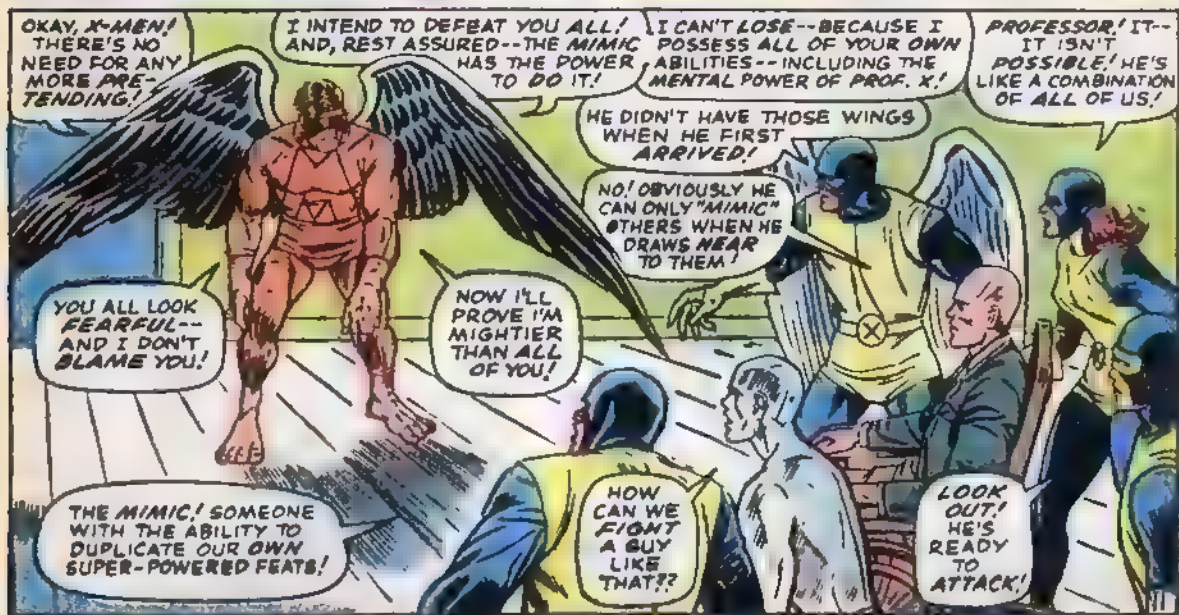
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE RESULT--!



I KNEW IT! ALL I HAD TO DO WAS BE NEAR THE ANGEL!

LOOKS LIKE I'M ALL SET NOW!

THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TACKLE THE LOT OF 'EM!



OKAY, X-MEN! THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANY MORE PRE-TENDING!

I INTEND TO DEFEAT YOU ALL! AND, REST ASSURED--THE MIMIC HAS THE POWER TO DO IT!

I CAN'T LOSE--BECAUSE I POSSESS ALL OF YOUR OWN ABILITIES--INCLUDING THE MENTAL POWER OF PROF. X!

PROFESSOR! IT-- IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! HE'S LIKE A COMBINATION OF ALL OF US!

HE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE WINGS WHEN HE FIRST ARRIVED!

NO! OBVIOUSLY HE CAN ONLY "MIMIC" OTHERS WHEN HE DRAWS NEAR TO THEM!

YOU ALL LOOK FEARFUL-- AND I DON'T BLAME YOU!

NOW I'LL PROVE I'M MIGHTIER THAN ALL OF YOU!

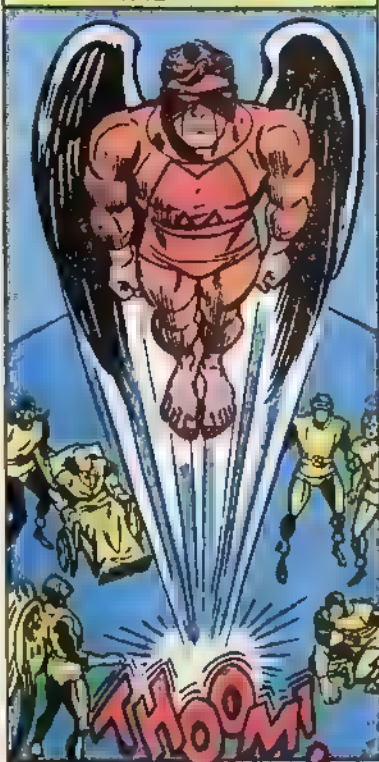
THE MIMIC! SOMEONE WITH THE ABILITY TO DUPLICATE OUR OWN SUPER-POWERED FEATS!

HOW CAN WE FIGHT A GUY LIKE THAT??

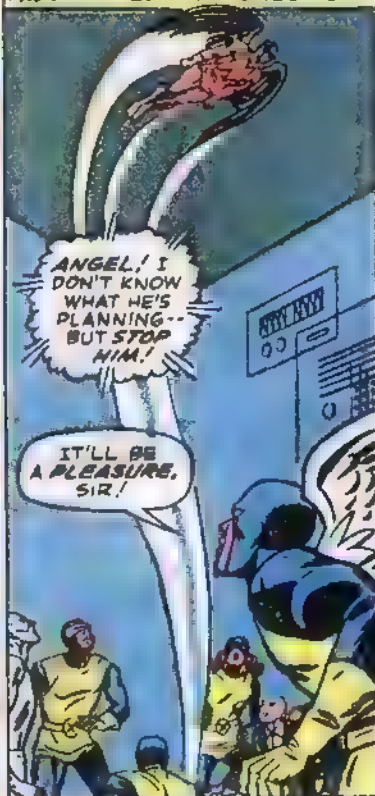
LOOK OUT! HE'S READY TO ATTACK!



THEN, SUDDENLY, THE MIMIC HURTTLES UPWARD, PROPELLED BY A LEAP OF BEAST-LIKE AGILITY--



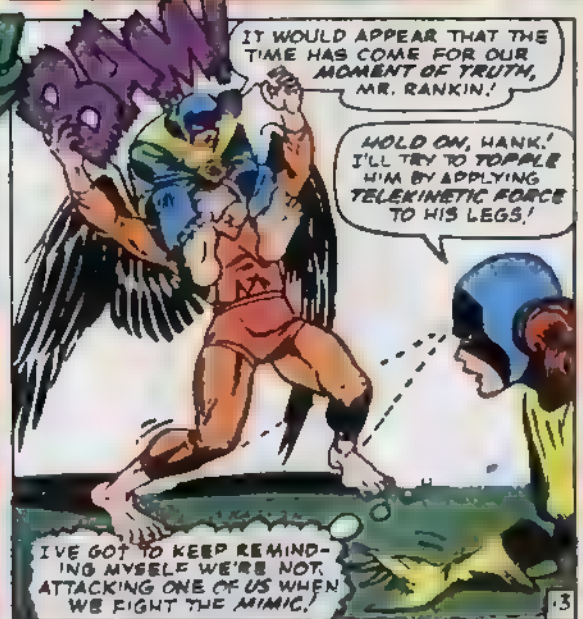
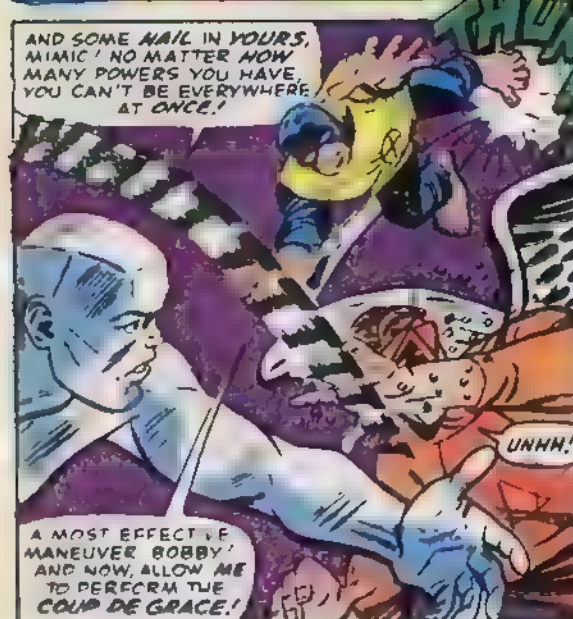
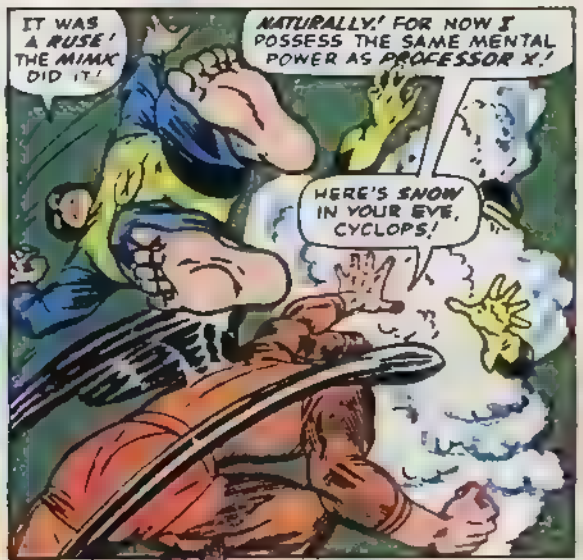
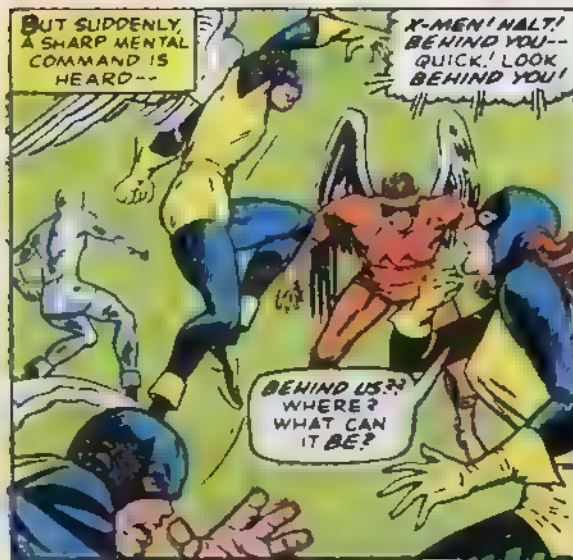
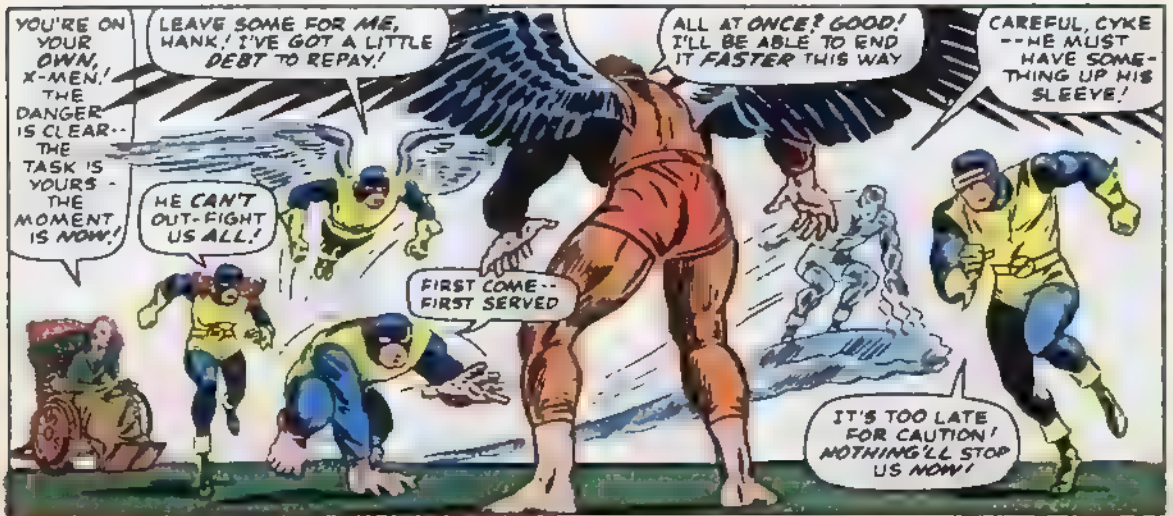
INSTANTLY, A MENTAL COMMAND FROM PROFESSOR X RINGS OUT--



BUT BEFORE THE HIGH-FLYING ANGEL CAN REACH HIS PREY, THE MIMIC REVERSES HIMSELF IN FLIGHT, AND--







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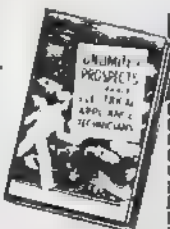
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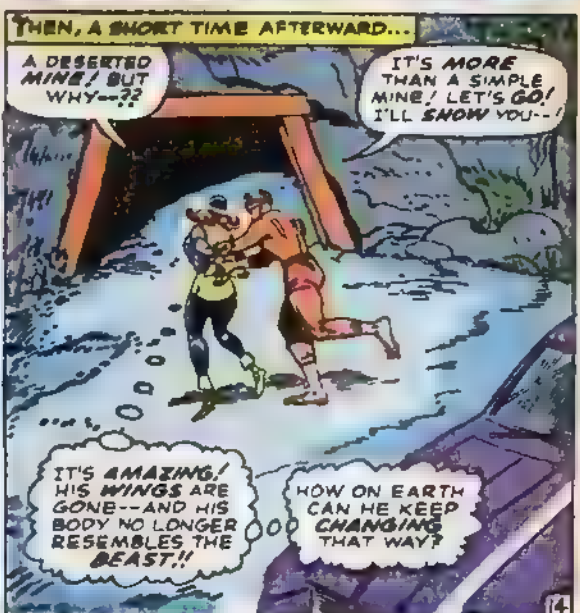
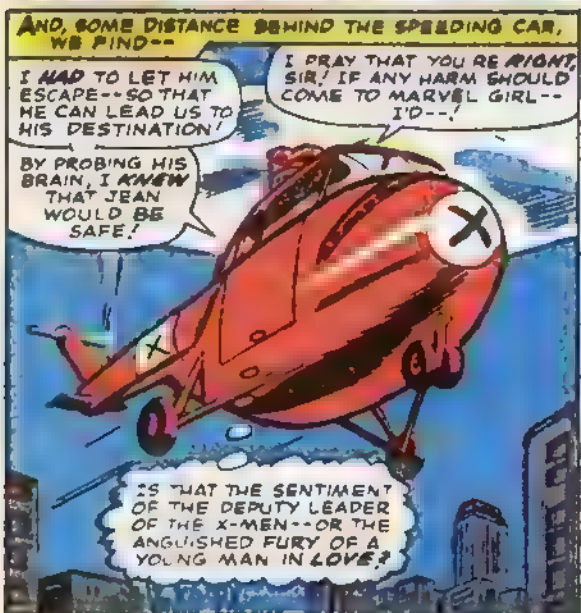
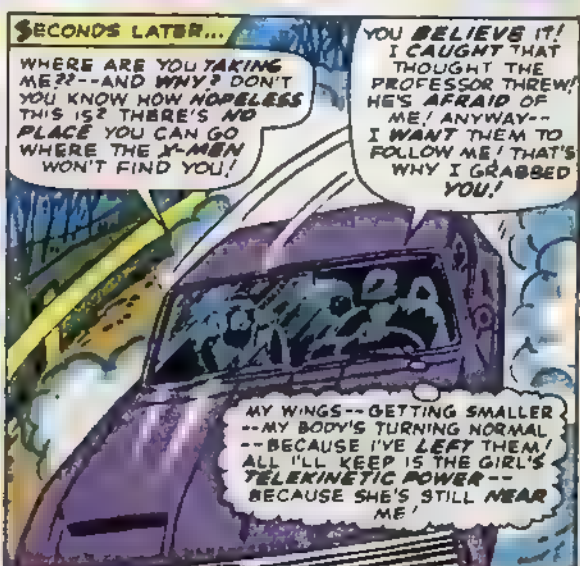
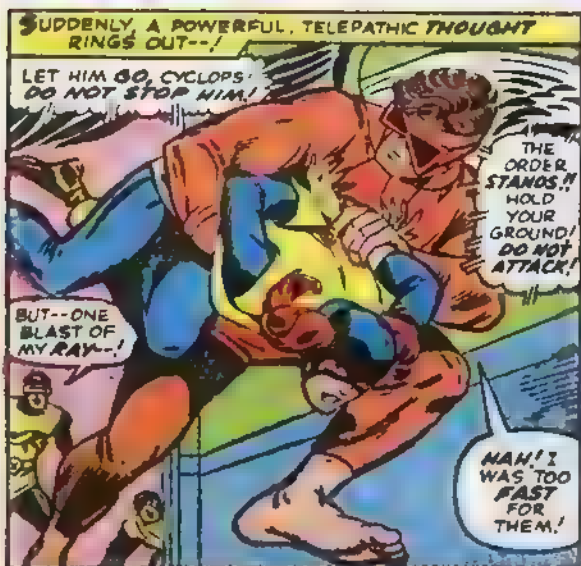
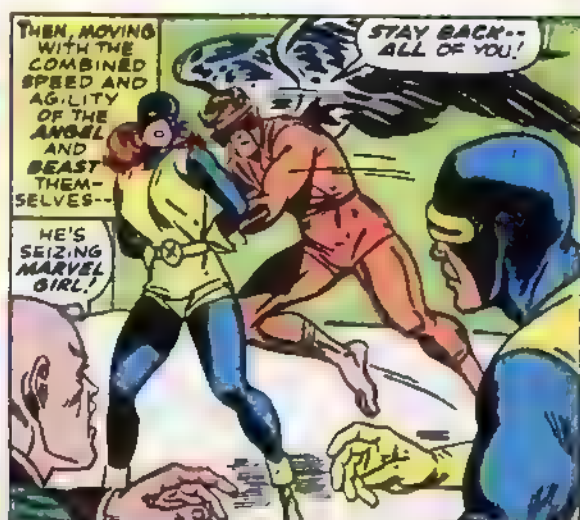
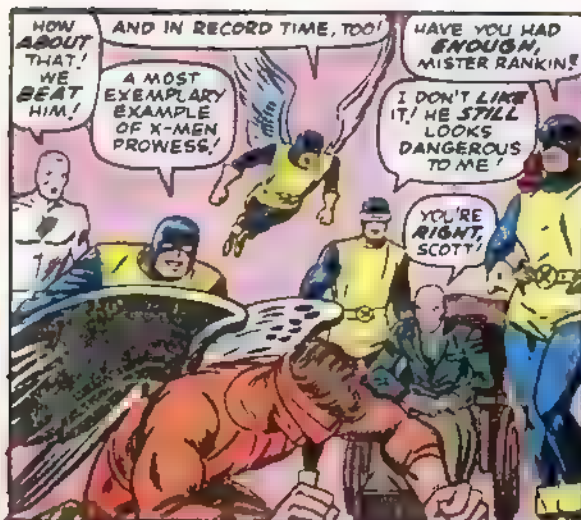
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WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE X-MEN TO FIND ME, I'LL TELL YOU A LITTLE STORY --!

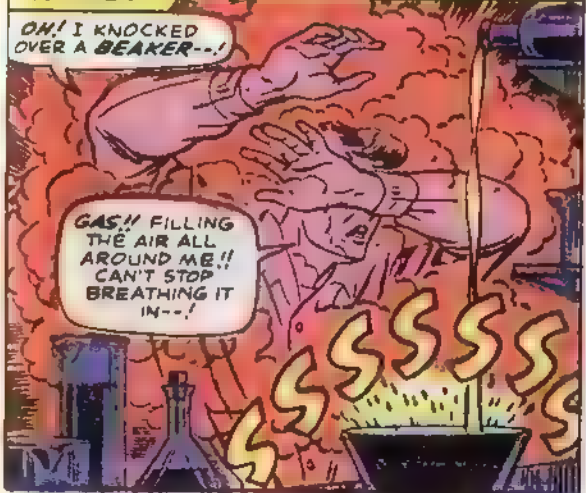
THEN, PERHAPS YOU'LL FINALLY UNDERSTAND THE SECRET OF THE MIMIC!



"BUT, THE BOY WAS YOUNG--FOOLISH--AND DEFIANT! ONE DAY WHEN HIS FATHER WAS OUT ON AN ERRAND, HE TRIED TO SATISFY HIS YOUTHFUL CURIOSITY--AND THEN--"

OH! I KNOCKED OVER A BEAKER--!

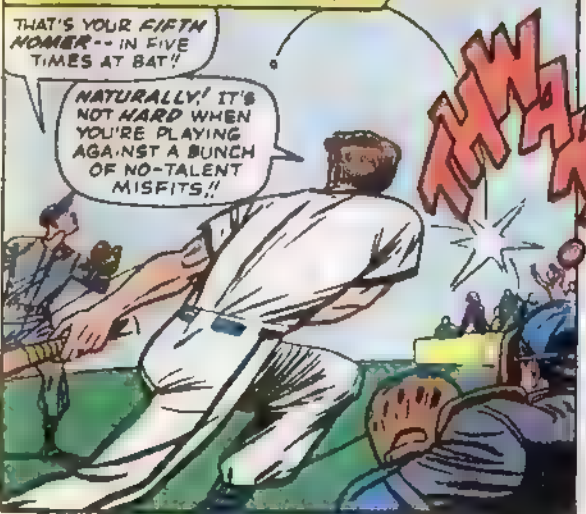
GAS!! FILLING THE AIR ALL AROUND ME!! CAN'T STOP BREATHING IT IN--!



"IT WAS THAT WAY ALL THRU SCHOOL! HE WAS AS GOOD AS THE BEST ATHLETES--SO LONG AS HE WAS NEAR TO THEM! THERE WAS NOTHING HE DIDN'T EXCEL AT! AND, AS HIS ABILITY GREW, SO DID HIS ARROGANCE--AND HIS CONCEIT!"

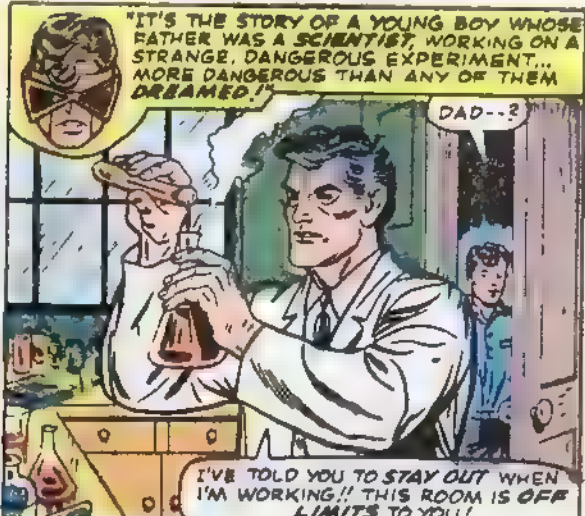
THAT'S YOUR FIFTH HOMER--IN FIVE TIMES AT BAT!

NATURALLY! IT'S NOT HARD WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING AGAINST A BUNCH OF NO-TALENT MISFITS!!



"IT'S THE STORY OF A YOUNG BOY WHOSE FATHER WAS A SCIENTIST, WORKING ON A STRANGE, DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT... MORE DANGEROUS THAN ANY OF THEM DREAMED!"

DAD--?

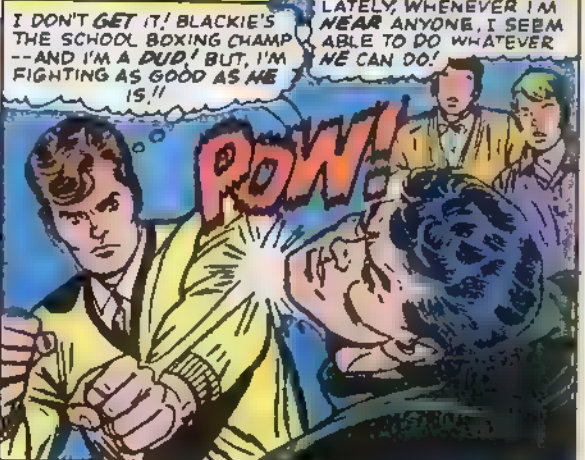


I'VE TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT WHEN I'M WORKING!! THIS ROOM IS OFF LIMITS TO YOU!

"COUGHING, GASPING, HIS EYES SMARTING, HE CAREFULLY CLEANED UP THE LAB AND THEN LEFT! BUT, IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, STRANGE THINGS BEGAN TO HAPPEN, MORE AND MORE FREQUENTLY--!"

I DON'T GET IT! BLACKIE'S THE SCHOOL BOXING CHAMP--AND I'M A DUD! BUT, I'M FIGHTING AS GOOD AS HE IS!!

LATELY, WHENEVER I'M NEAR ANYONE, I SEEM ABLE TO DO WHATEVER HE CAN DO!



"EVEN WHEN HE WAS IN CLASS, HE ALWAYS SEEMED TO KNOW AS MUCH AS THE TEACHER! EVENTUALLY, THE DISLIKE WHICH THE OTHER STUDENTS HAD FOR HIM TURNED TO DISTRUST--THEN TO ACTUAL SUSPICION--AND FEAR--!"

I TELL YOU, THERE'S SOMETHING SCARY ABOUT THE WAY HE'S GOOD AT EVERYTHING!

YOU'RE RIGHT! IT REMINDS YOU OF A ROBOT OR SOMETHING!! HE'S LIKE A MACHINE!

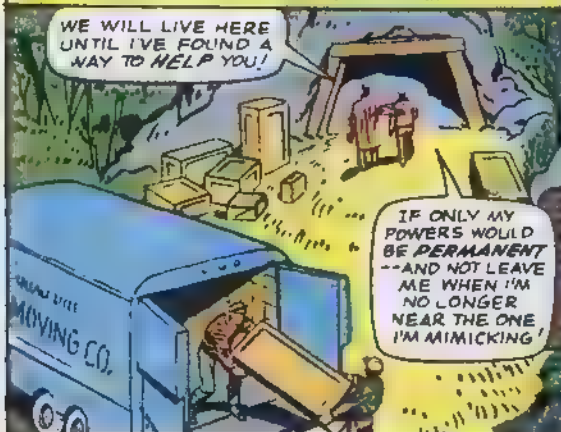
I NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE BEING TOPS AT EVERY SPORT--AND GETTING STRAIGHT A'S IN EVERY SUBJECT--WITHOUT EVEN TRYING!

I SHOULD WORRY WHAT THEY THINK OF ME! I'M BETTER'N ALL OF THEM! THEY'RE JUST JEALOUS OF ME, THAT'S WHAT!



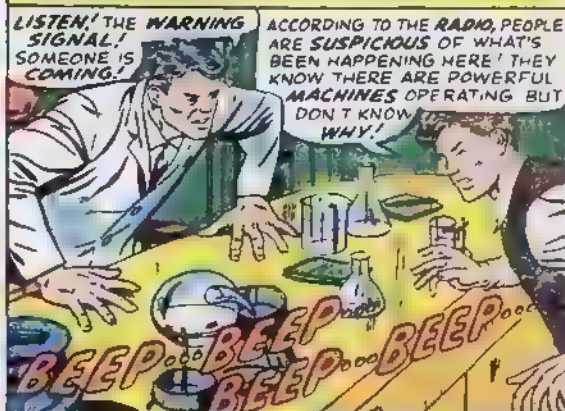


"BUT THE BOY'S FATHER FINALLY BECAME AWARE OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED! HE KNEW MEN WOULD SOME DAY RISE AGAINST HIS SON--AND SO HE TOOK HIM TO A LONELY CAVE..."



IF ONLY MY POWERS WOULD BE PERMANENT--AND NOT LEAVE ME WHEN I'M NO LONGER NEAR THE ONE I'M MIMICKING!

"FOR MONTHS THEY HID IN THE CAVE WHILE THE SCIENTIST BUILT A MACHINE--ONE WHICH WOULD MAKE THE BOY'S POWER LAST FOREVER! BUT, THE MACHINE DRAINED SO MUCH CURRENT, THAT IT SHORT-CIRCUITED EVERY FUSE IN THE COUNTY--!"



ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, PEOPLE ARE SUSPICIOUS OF WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING HERE! THEY KNOW THERE ARE POWERFUL MACHINES OPERATING BUT DON'T KNOW WHY!

BEEP...BEEP...BEEP...BEEP...BEEP...

THEY'VE TRACED THE SOURCE OF THEIR POWER BREAKDOWN TO OUR CAVE! AN ANGRY, FEAR-CRAZED MOB IS CAPABLE OF ANYTHING!

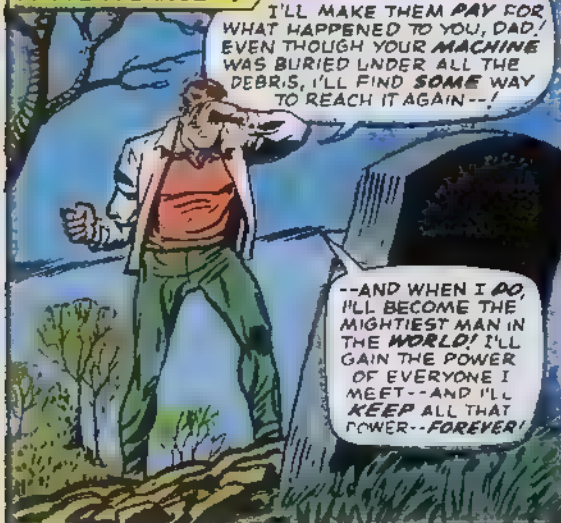


IF ONLY THEY'D WAITED A LITTLE LONGER--IT WOULDN'T HAVE MATTERED!

"BUT, IN SETTING OFF THE EXPLOSIVES, THE SCIENTIST UNDERESTIMATED THE FORCE OF THE BLAST, AND--HE WAS UNABLE TO ESCAPE IN TIME--!"

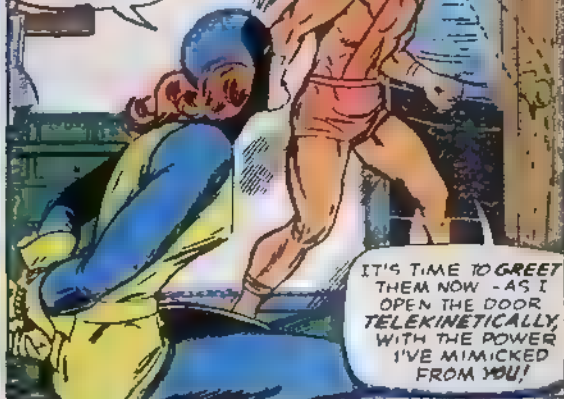


"HOURS LATER, AFTER THE MOB HAD FINALLY DISPERSED, THE SON DUG HIMSELF TO FREEDOM--HIS HEART POUNDING WITH AN UNQUENCHABLE DESIRE FOR VENGEANCE--!"



--AND WHEN I DO I'LL BECOME THE MIGHTIEST MAN IN THE WORLD! I'LL GAIN THE POWER OF EVERYONE I MEET--AND I'LL KEEP ALL THAT POWER--FOREVER!

THEN--YOU WERE THAT BOY! AND YOU WANT THE X-MEN TO FOLLOW YOU HERE, SO YOU CAN TRICK THEM INTO REACHING THE MACHINE FOR YOU!



RIGHT! AND YOU'RE THE BAIT THAT WILL BRING THEM TO ME!

AMHH! MY WINGS ARE BEGINNING TO SPOUT AGAIN! THAT MEANS THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER!

IT'S TIME TO GREET THEM NOW--AS I OPEN THE DOOR TELEKINETICALLY WITH THE POWER I'VE MIMICKED FROM YOU!

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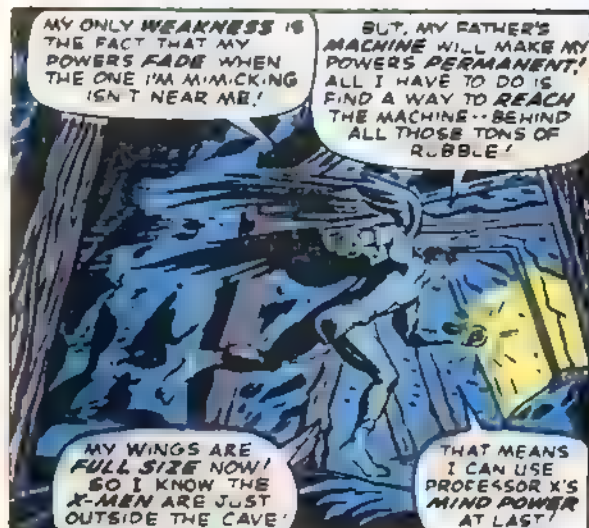
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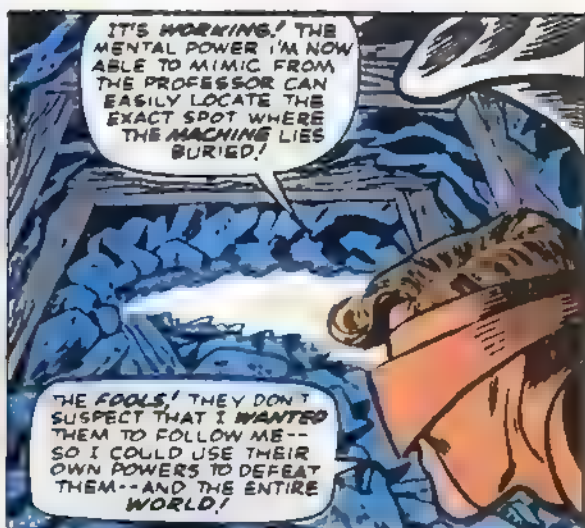


MY ONLY WEAKNESS IS THE FACT THAT MY POWERS FADE WHEN THE ONE I'M MIMICKING ISN'T NEAR ME!

BUT, MY FATHER'S MACHINE WILL MAKE MY POWERS PERMANENT! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND A WAY TO REACH THE MACHINE--BEHIND ALL THOSE TONS OF RUBBLE!

MY WINGS ARE FULL SIZE NOW! SO I KNOW THE X-MEN ARE JUST OUTSIDE THE CAVE!

THAT MEANS I CAN USE PROFESSOR X'S MIND POWER AT LAST!



IT'S WORKING! THE MENTAL POWER I'M NOW ABLE TO MIMIC FROM THE PROFESSOR CAN EASILY LOCATE THE EXACT SPOT WHERE THE MACHINE LIES BURIED!

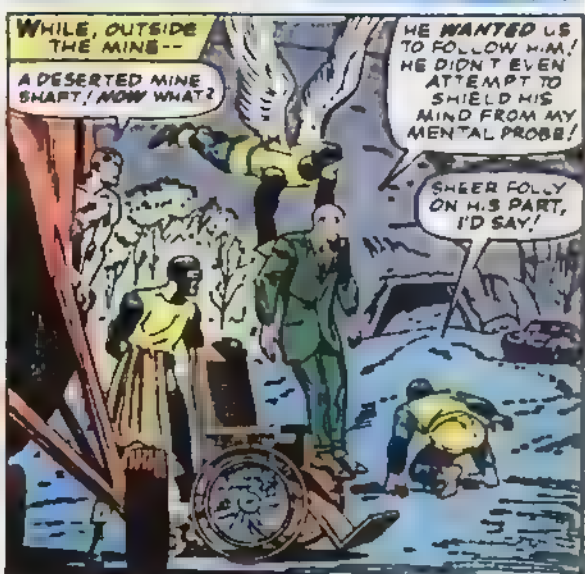
THE FOOLS! THEY DON'T SUSPECT THAT I WANTED THEM TO FOLLOW ME--SO I COULD USE THEIR OWN POWERS TO DEFEAT THEM--AND THE ENTIRE WORLD!



NANI! I KNEW CYCLOPS WOULD HAVE TO BE WITH THEM! NOW, BY MIMICKING HIS FORCE BEAM, I CAN BLAST MY WAY THRU THE DEBRIS IN MINUTES!

JUST A FEW MINUTES MORE, AND I'LL TRIUMPH OVER ALL MANKIND!

WHRRRAK!



WHILE, OUTSIDE THE MINE--

A DESERTED MINE SHARP! NOW WHAT?

HE WANTED US TO FOLLOW HIM! HE DIDN'T EVEN ATTEMPT TO SHIELD HIS MIND FROM MY MENTAL PROBE!

SHEER FOLLY ON HIS PART, I'D SAY!



IF HE'S IN THERE, WE'LL FIND HIM! HE WON'T ESCAPE FROM US AGAIN!

HE IS IN THERE! I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT!

WHAT OF JEAN, PROFESSOR? CAN YOU MENTALLY SCAN THE AREA AND TELL IF SHE'S ALL RIGHT??

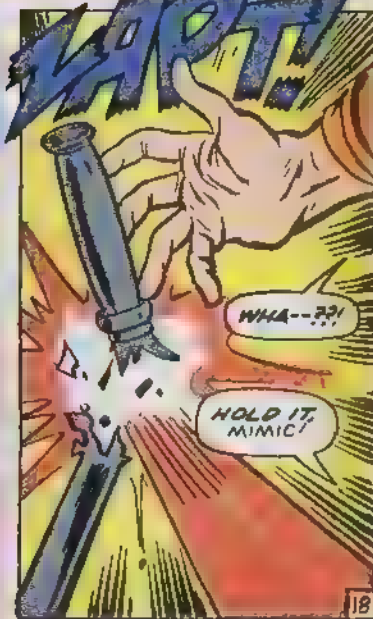
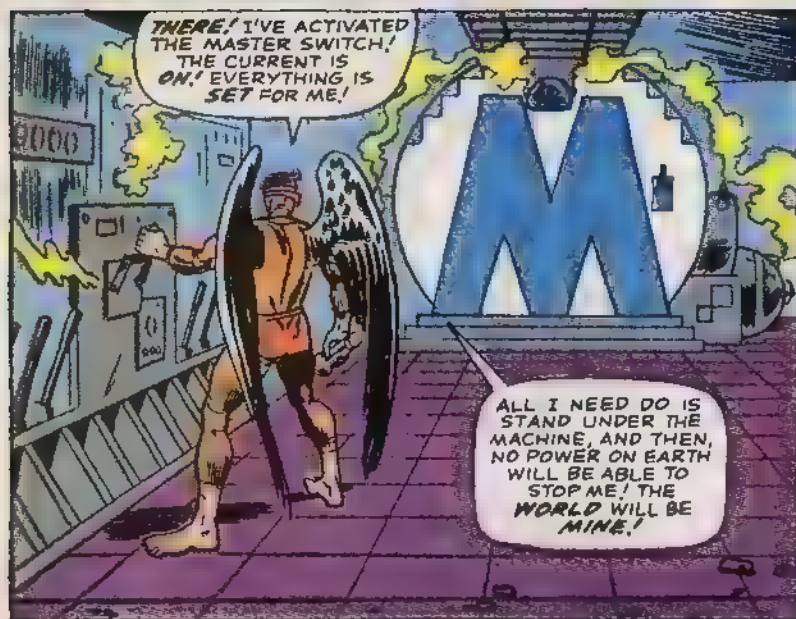
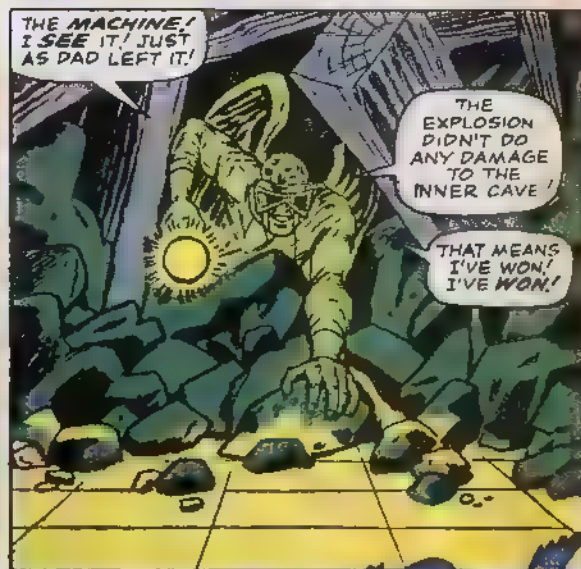
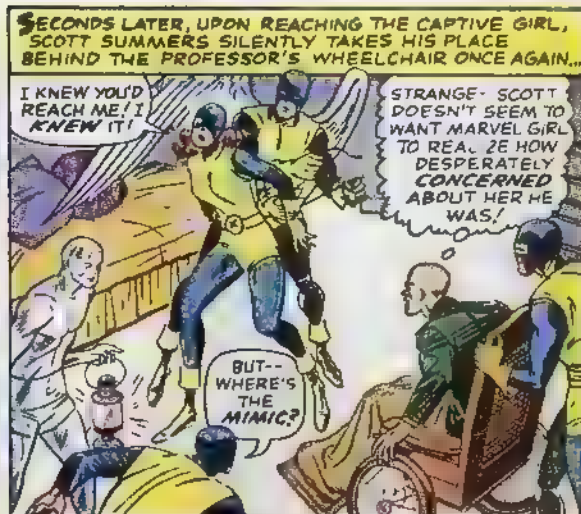
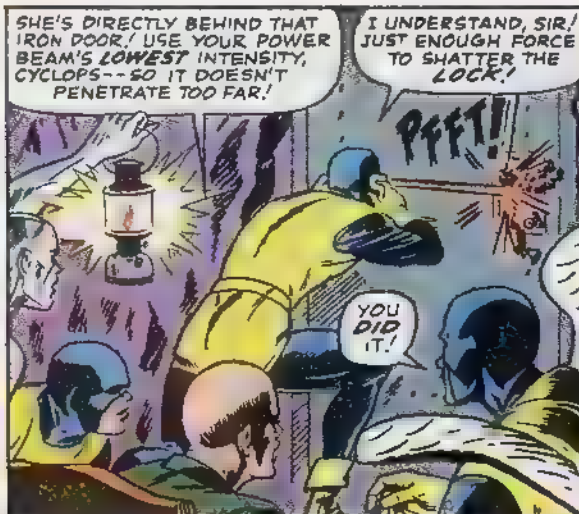
IF SHE'S BEEN HARMED, NO POWER ON EARTH WILL SAVE THE MIMIC FROM ME

WHY WOULD HE HAVE WANTED US TO PURSUE HIM INTO A MINE? WE'RE NOT EVEN MEMBERS OF THE PROSPECTORS' UNION!

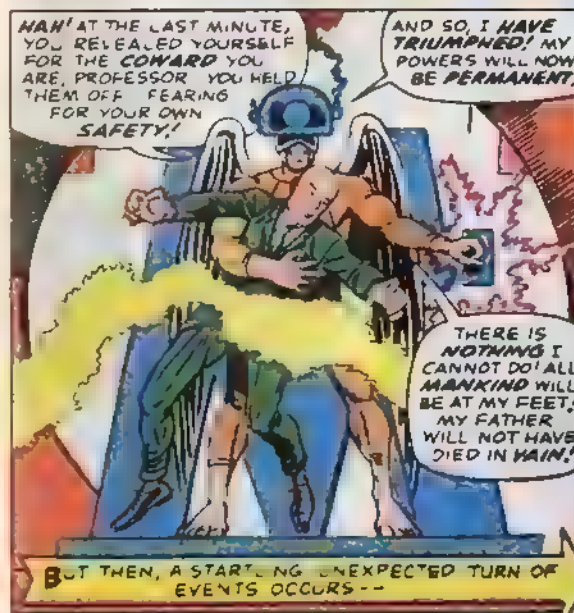
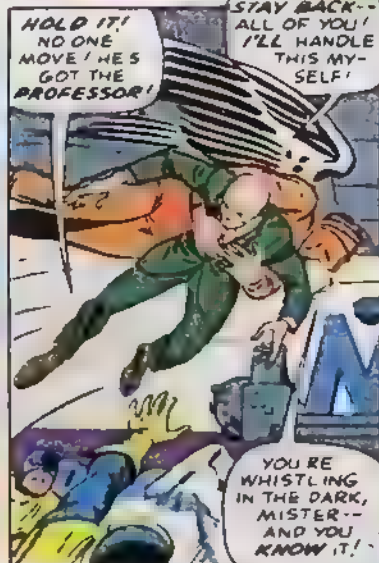
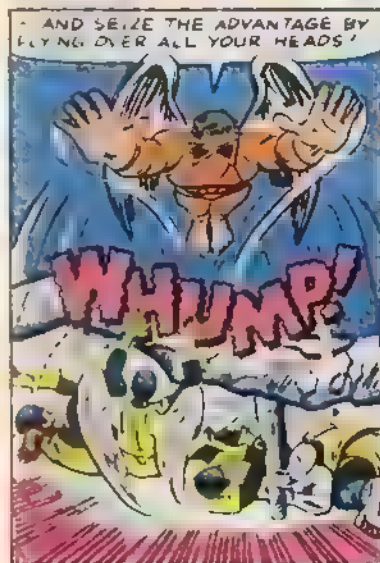
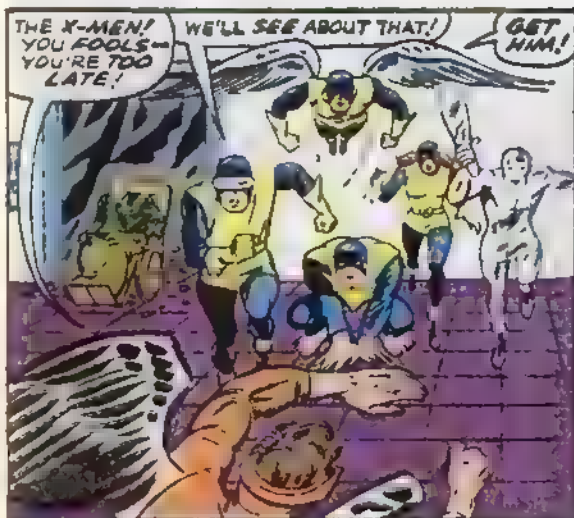
WHEN I HEAR THAT TONE IN CYKE'S VOICE, I WOULDN'T WANNA BE HIS ENEMY IF I WAS AS STRONG AS A HUNDRED MIMICS!

SHE'S PERFECTLY SAFE, SCOTT! IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE REACH HER...

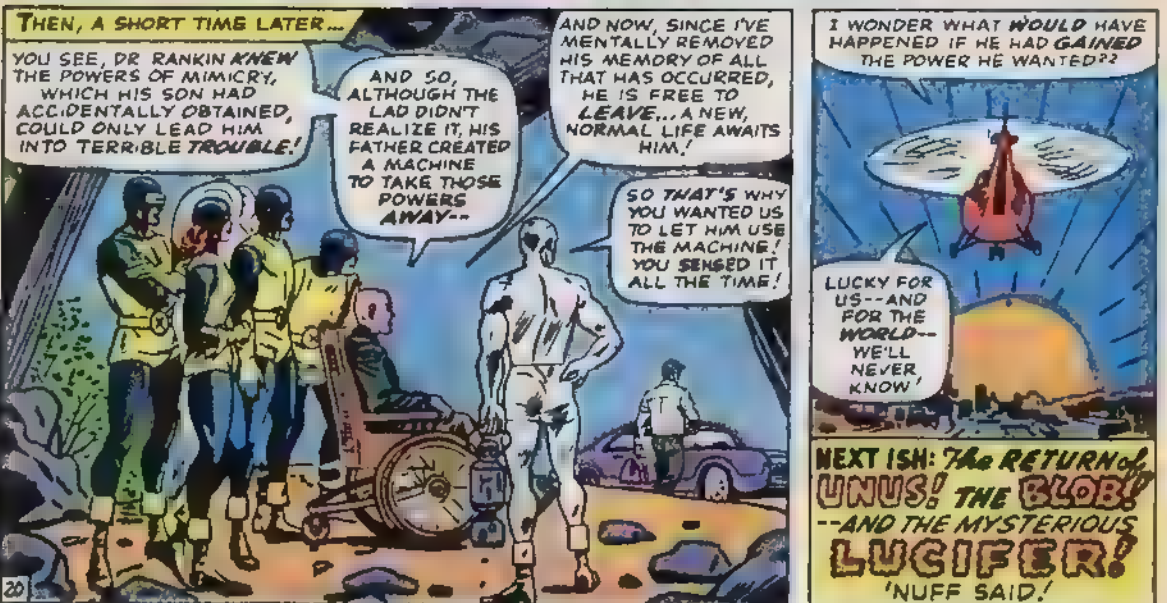
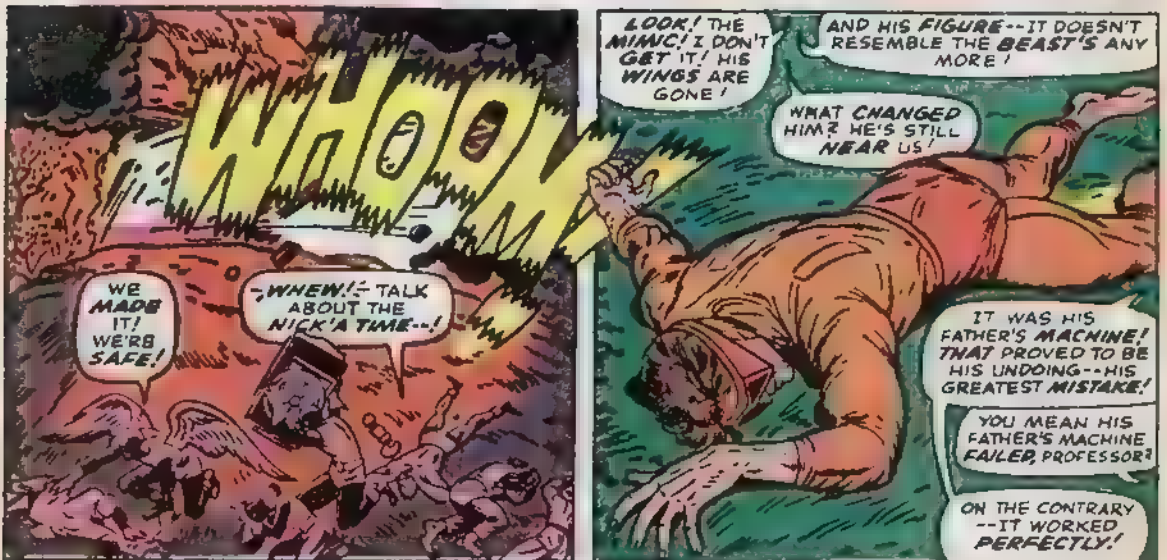
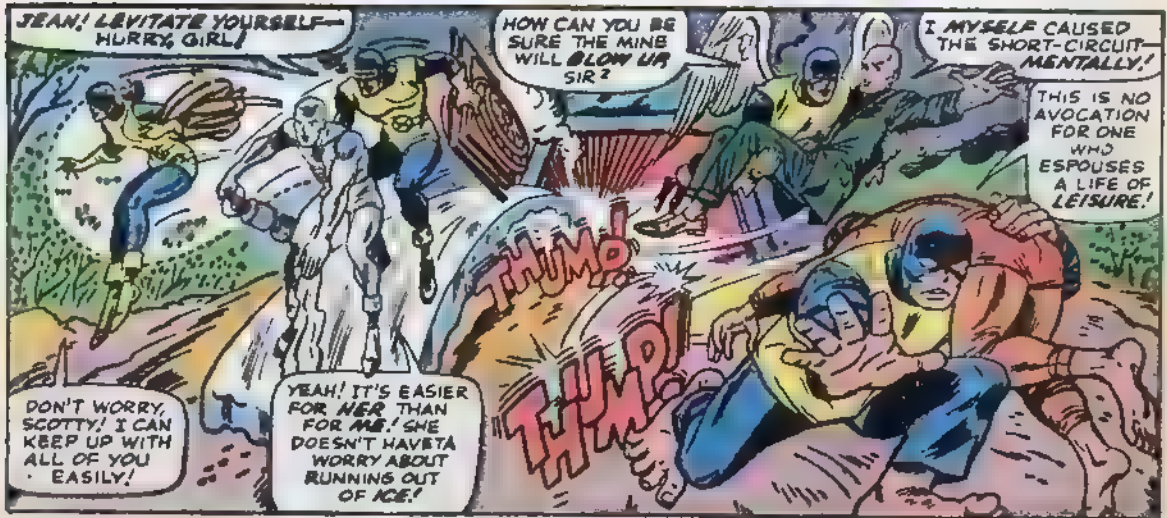












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## MARVEL BULLPEN BULLETINS!

### NATURALLY NIFTY, NEWSY, NONDESCRIPT NONSENSE ABOUT OUR NUTTY NON-ENTITIES!

**HOW ABOUT THAT!** It could only happen to a Marvel mag! Before the ink was fully dry on the great first ish of our MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS the fan mail began to pour in from everywhere! And so in the space of only 30 days we've changed it from a quarterly to a bi-monthly! Now let's see how long it'll take to make our latest smash hit a MONTHLY! And speaking of that... are you aware that every single Marvel super hero mag is published monthly? Not... monthly with the exception of the following months... but monthly period! In case we haven't told you, only Marvel can make that boast!

**DIDJA KNOW?** Didja know that the famous National Observer (published weekly by Dow Jones) had a sensational writeup about comic mags... its Oct. 11th edition? And guess who got the king-sized share of the mentions, with quotes like "—The Merry Marvel Marching Society [is] a comic book fan club... chapters meet at such schools as Harvard, Yale and Princeton. The publishers expect their new popularity with one word: Sophistication, both in the comics and the readers. The turning point for comics was about three years ago when Stan Lee decided to try to reach readers beyond the bubble-gum brigade. Arriving at high schools and college students, he created the FANTASTIC FOUR—The FF were an instant hit—The result for Marvel is impressive and promising—it's selling 310,000 copies a year. Marvel Comics—innovator of the new trend. Any questions, students? Didja know the nation's top disc jockeys have been firing the airwaves with paeanes of praise for our Marvel mags. In fact, practically every top rated disc jockey is now a full-fledged Merry Marcher! More about that in following issues, when space allows!

**STRICTLY PERSONAL:** It hadda happen! JACK "KING" KIRBY himself insisted that jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA was the only logical illustrator to handle Captain America in the master's own style and if you've seen this month's TALES OF SUSPENSE you'll know why! And how about the sensational job the jazzy one is doing on DAREDEVIL? Yep, it looks as if our ring-around-romita is with us to stay! But you ain't seen nothin' yet! Not till you catch onto TALES TO ASTONISH and thrill to the art work of BILL EVERETT, who positively draws the hulkiest Hulk you've ever seen! We're really fipping over Bill's reentry into the bullpen and can't wait to hear your comments. We think he's gonna prove to be another STEVE DITKO—with an admirable style all his own just as sturdy Stevey has. By the way, if you see the shiniest brightest most fire-engine red Buick Riviera you've ever seen scootin' down a Long Island highway wave hello as the dashin' driver barrels by because it'll probably be dazzying DONNIE HECK with his latest pride 'n joy! If we could get him to spend

half as much time at the drawing board as he does polishing his fiver, we could publish the AVENGERS every week! Have you heard about SM LIA STAIN'S first vacation in years? He took a whole weekend off as he and his stoney blonde wife hopped a train to Turf to very dilly dilly lay! Because the train gave him time to bail out a couple of SCK HIBs on the way! Watch! Lots of you have been asking for some inside info about KYINU FORBUSH. We can't make up our minds whether to keep him a man of mystery or to blow the whole bit. But in issues to come we'll try to clue you in about the most famous nobody in a lot of connedoms!

**DEPT OF UTTER CONFUSION!** It seems we've hardly finished work on our last batch of 25c Annuals, but now it's time to start planning our new ones for the summer of '66. Keep watching this space for further details as they develop! I know we can hardly keep track of all our extra projects like our Marvel T-shirts, swingin' stationery, the good ol' M.M.M.S. our feezed p-p-ups, Hulk sweat shirt etc. etc! And we've so many more projects in the works that we're going batty! Oops sorry! We mean BATT-ER! The amazing thing is that ALL those groovy gizmos have become how... hits and we're beginning to feel as though we work for Sears & Roebuck instead of... of... say who DO we work for anyway? Oh well, it's been one of those knide days again!

**THE WRAP UP:** For those of you who might be new readers to the mighty Marvel Age of Comics, we want to extend a warmest of hearts and to reaffirm a pledge we made

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Dear Stan,

I have just finished reading X-MEN #16 and being a confirmed Stan Lee fan as well as a devoted M.M.S. member, am hastily rushing to your defense concerning a confused, misinformed fan who incorrectly told you that your sense of the term "homo sapiens" is "incorrect as well as nonexistent." The following is an exact quotation including the "s" on "sapiens" from the *American College Dictionary*, page 579: "Homo Sapiens—modern man; the single surviving species of the genus Homo and of the primate family, Hominidae to which it belongs." This term has never, to my knowledge, been used in its Latin plural "homines sapientes" the singular form referring to the entire race as well as only one man. This term has been defined and used (and asked to be defined on tests) by various history and social studies teachers under whom I have supposedly learned. I have also completed two years of Latin with straight A's. Keep up the good work, Stan, and say howdy to the other madmen for me, too.

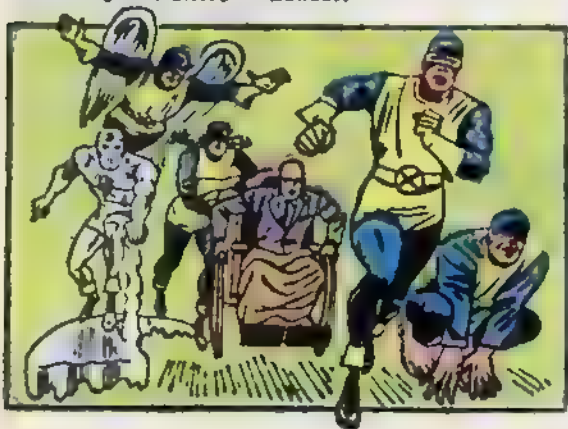
Dorothea Baker, 1004 Sunset Ave.  
Zanesville, Ohio

It'll be a pleasure, Doc! But, we're still in a state of shock, due to your littin' letter—you see, we're just not used to being right! We're not conditioned to it! In fact, we're glad you told us that "homo sapiens" is Latin—snaky Stan's been hunting around that he made it up!

Dear Stan,

What is the color of the X-Men's uniforms? Is it blue and yellow or black and yellow? How did Cyclops manage when he was a kid? Without his protective glasses or visor, he would have blown his house to bits every time he opened his eyes! The doctor who delivered him has probably never been the same! The Angel would have the same trouble. Unlike their fellow X-Men, Cyclops and Angel cannot turn off their powers. What happened to the romance you had burning between Jean and Scott? I'd like to see more of it. Dean Crawford 374 Burroughs Drive Buffalo, N.Y. 14226

Wanna see how technical we can be? Watch! Their uniforms are black and yellow—the blue is added for artistic high-light effects. (Or, perhaps they're blue and yellow, with the black added for dramatic effect!) When he was young, Cyclops slept a lot—thus saving everyone a lot of trouble! But, as we've explained a few times in the past, the X-Men's powers didn't start developing until they reached adolescence—which, as we all know, is the troublesome age! And, Scott would probably also like to see more romance between himself and Jean! There — howzat?



Dear Stan,

I have just finished reading your most excellent, ultra-fine X-MEN, "The Supreme Sacrifice." I really felt compelled to write and tell the Marvel team of their truly fine accomplishment. So seldom does one find a story that is as well done as this one was. The coloring was a work of art that's what made it so fantastically real and true-to-life. What really impressed me was the way in which each member of the X-Men team was a hero, an integral part of the whole. Each member is a vital, necessary unit without whom the group could not survive. Take the time when the Angel was attempting to fly over a barrier of flame to safety. The Angel found that he could not make it all the way without flapping his wings, and if he did his wings would catch fire and plunge them both into the heart of the roaring blaze. Realizing this Jean then helped him to glide them over the barrier by using her mutant power of telekinesis. It's just one example, but I think it shows why the X-Men will never know the taste of defeat. They work as one glorious team to defend mankind from the throes of evil. You can be proud of them!

Ken Kemp, 2601 Kearney St.  
Denver, Colo. 80207

We are, Kenny, we are! And, we're equally proud of the frantic fans who write so glowingly of our merry mutants! Thanks a heap, pal!

Dear Stan,

To begin my letter, let me tell you a little about myself. I was born in Burma and am now visiting the United States. My mother's uncle is the Secretary General of the United Nations. I, Thant, and I am a faithful reader of Marvel magazines. You have a good line of artists, your stories are fantastic, and you are the best comic company in business. Of all your comics I like X-MEN and F.F. the best, and I have most of them. Incidentally, you will be hearing from me soon for I will send for a subscription very shortly.

Howard Lin, 157 Glen Aire Drive  
Springfield, Ill. 62703

We'll be waiting with bated breath, Howie! Of course, you could have really made us flip if you'd said that the subscription is for your *uncle*! It would be more proof positive that mighty Marvel is taking over the world! (Although, these days we're lucky to be able to take over our own office!)

Dear Stan,

Everything about X-MEN #16 was perfect! It was by far the best issue of X-MEN ever published. It was a true Marvel masterpiece! The artwork has improved greatly with Jay Cavitt's penciling. The X-MEN, in my opinion, is now Marvel's third best comic. One big reason is that they are now being published monthly. I also like the way you have made the word "Marvel" bigger and bolder in your trademarks. I enjoyed the special Bulletin Bulletin for all Merry Marchers. I'm glad you are reprinting those old far out stories in FANTASY MASTERPIECES. I can now sleep at night because I know that Dr. Doom will be warm during the winter wearing his Hulk sweat shirt.

Dexter Musgrove, Rt. #1  
Laurel, Miss. 39440

And, on really cold nights, he wears it over his X-Men T-shirt, Doc!

Dear Stan,

We have read good comics about the X-Men, but the last three take the cake. The story had an excellent plot. The X-Men team is great, but a female in their ranks runs it all. We think the team is better off without a female, especially when she's so pretty that the other guys don't pay full attention to what they're doing because they're too busy seeing what's happening to Marvel Girl.



We have a feeling that she's not needed, even though she helps out pretty well sometimes. Maybe it's just our imagination, since we read Marvel Comics with all those nutty ideas. We really think your mags are great!

Ricardo Gonzalez & John Munos, 2102 Kearney Laredo, Texas

Well, guys, we sure won't argue about your lovable last sentence. As for poor, unwanted Jean Grey (unwanted by you, that is—not by the X-Men—or by us!), we feel duty-bound to let her remain. Romantic Jay Gavin loves to draw pretty gals, so we figure we might get away with giving him Jeanie instead of a raise!



Dear Stan,

We brothers of Rho Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau at R.P.I. express our deepest desire to have you somehow mention "Hey You! Get Off of My Cloud!" from the Rolling Stones' song in one of your Marvel issues. Come on now—you guys are clever. Maybe in an X-MEN issue with the Angel or Thor or the Torch or—you know—somewhere in the dialogue or something.

Wayne C. Mathieu, Phi Kappa Tau, R.P.I.  
19 Sherry Road, Troy, N.Y.

How about right here in the letters page, Wayne? And next time, don't shoot your bolt about X-Men comments all at once—save some opinions for next time! Cheers!

Dear Stan,

You guys are crazy! But, one thing has been bothering me so much that I just had to write. Who makes up the funny jokes you answer to us fans in your letter sections? You? Have you ever thought of selling or publishing them? Another thing I wanted to ask you was who answers and reads all the fan mail? Does all the Marvel staff answer the mail or does just Stan do this?

Glenn Payne, 3815 Edmondson Ave.  
Baltimore, Md. 21229

Fabulous Flo, our garrulous gal Friday, opens the mail and passes all the literary goodies around to most of the bullpen, but it's poor ol' Stan who gets the letters in the end and lovingly labors over the rapturous replies! Stan's all shook-up about you calling them "funny jokes," though, Glenn! He thinks his answers are models of serious philosophical pedantry! Well, it takes all kinds!

Dear Stan,

While reading the letters section of X-MEN #15 (which, by the way, was really terrific), I came across the letter by a reader who stated that, according to DeVries, mutations only occur once every 4000 years and that these mutations are the next step in Man's evolution. However, you will notice that DeVries says "mutation steps" and not just "mutations" which is used in reference to the X-Men. The reader also forgot to consider the many mutations which followed the atomic explosions in Japan. These mutations, caused by atomic radiation, are true mutations, and yet I am certain that the reader would not call these the next step in Man's evolution. I would like to add that I enjoy your magazines immensely, although I would rather have these long stories contained in one annual-type book than continued in several issues. Marvel Comics are truly the greatest!

George H. Tucker, Jr., 7308 2nd Ave. So.  
Richfield, Minn. 55423

Oh yeah? The greatest what, wise guy? (We'll use any type of diversionary tactic, Georgie, to avoid commenting on DeVries' theory—because we hate to admit that we're more mixed-up about mutants than any of you rollickin' readers out there in Marvel-land!)

Dear Stan,

As you guys know, your mags go out of stock as fast as you can print them. You also know Brand Echh is all that's left and they clutter up the comic racks till the next month's Marvels come in. Well, anyway, I felt like reading a comic and since the newest Marvels were gone, I had to buy Brand Echh—ugh! It was terrible and old-fashioned in cartoon arts, which means their characters look like what you would see in a cartoon. The stories weren't any good—in fact, they were horrible. Even the letters page was lousy. But one thing made me mad—in their advertisements (yes, they expect you to buy more of their "comics") they filled you with these corny wisecracks they're obviously copying from you, which proves they read your mags. But what made me maddest was when they said your most sacred words—"Nuff said!" Oh, how terrible! I have a good punishment for any disloyal Marvelites—make them read Brand Echh. One question, why don't you let the F.F. or the Avengers or somebody destroy Brand Echh? Nuff said! Alan Gasior, 1320 Rose St. Camden, N. J. 08104

Why should we bother, Al? They seem to be doing a fine job of scuttling themselves without any help from anybody! (How's that for a masterpiece of self-restraint!!!)

Dear Stan,

How corny can you get? When I say that, I'm referring to the cover of X-MEN #16. Iceman looked stupid climbing an ice pole with a club, ready to clobber the Master Sentinel, while the others were trying to climb up by hanging onto his legs. You guys must be losing your touch. Be more careful in the future, alright? Though the cover was weak, the artwork and story behind it were MARVELOUS. I noted some similarity between the X-MEN #16 and FF #47—both Bobby and Johnny Storm were called "a mau" for the first time! One more thing . . . the "moral" in the latest X-Men could have applied to SPIDER-MAN #20.

Craig Weatherly, 421 Windsor  
Savannah, Ga.

So apply it, Craig—we don't mind! When you're a Marvelite, you've got carte blanche in such matters! See? What other company would dare grant its devotees such prodigious privileges? (We've got to sign off now—we're getting a lump in our throat!)

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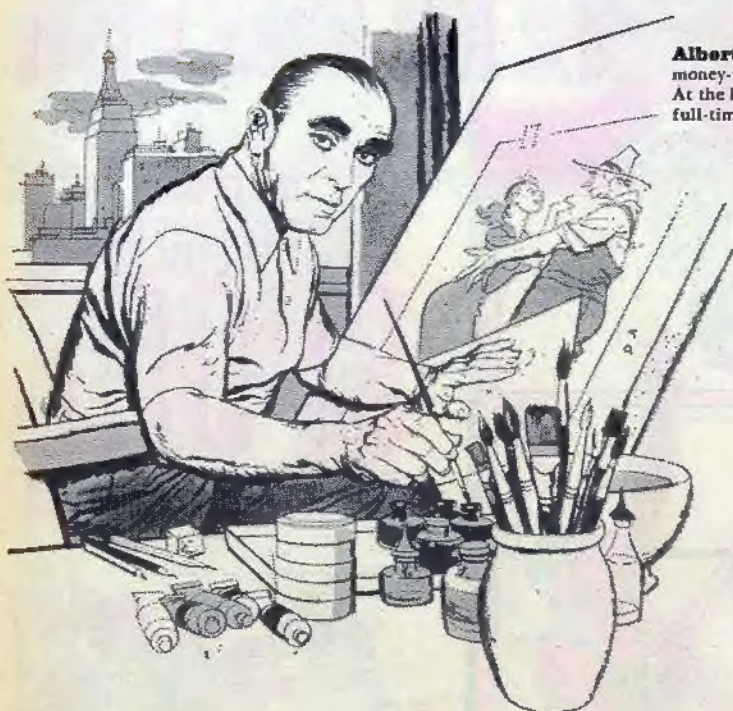
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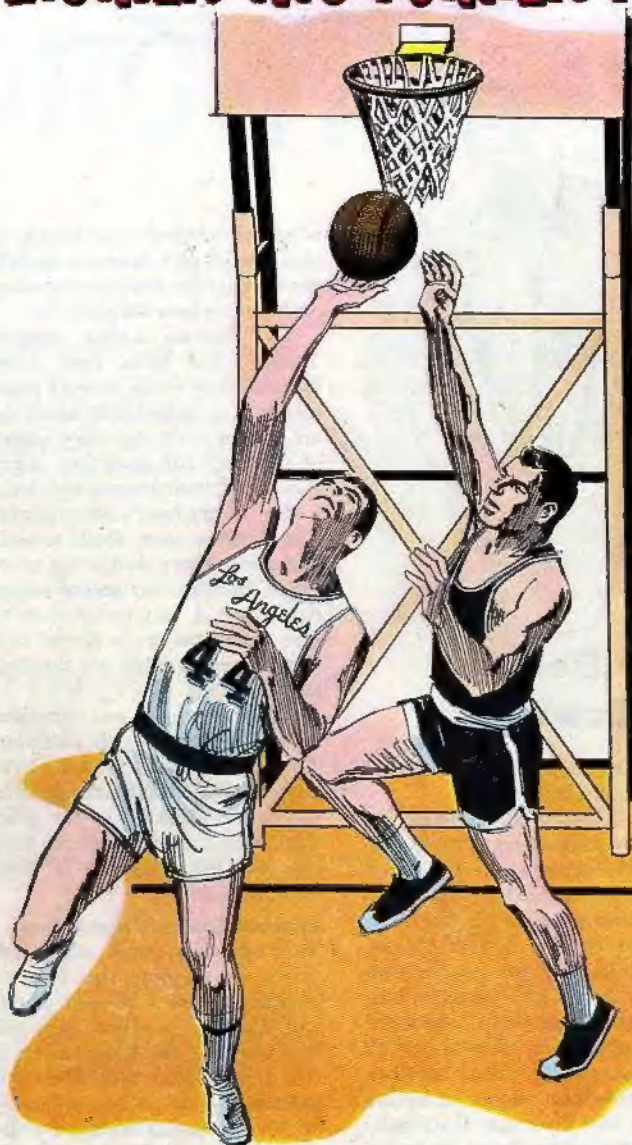
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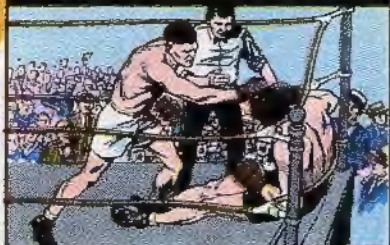
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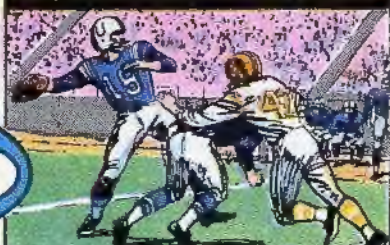
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